

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BOB KEENAN**, on April 12, 2001 at 1:00 P.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bob Keenan, Chairman (R)
Sen. Tom A. Beck (R)
Sen. Chris Christiaens (D)
Sen. John Cobb (R)
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)
Sen. Royal Johnson (R)
Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)
Sen. Arnie Mohl (R)
Sen. Linda Nelson (D)
Sen. Debbie Shea (D)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Jon Tester (D)
Sen. Mignon Waterman (D)
Sen. Jack Wells (R)
Sen. Tom Zook (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Ken Miller, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. William Crismore (R)
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Jon Moe, Legislative Fiscal Division

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 14, 4/9/2001
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 14

Sponsor: REP. MATT MCCANN, HD 92, HARLEM

Proponents: **Jack Hyyppa, Montana State University**

Opponents: **None**

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. MATT MCCANN, HD 92, HARLEM, described the work of the Long Range Building Committee regarding HB 14, a bill that authorized the creation of state debt through the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriated the proceeds of the bonds for capital projects for the biennium ending June 30, 2001. He stated the committee had visited a couple of college campuses and examined some of the structures under consideration. He discussed the new reception center at Montana State Prison (MSP) and explained the committee had reduced the scope of the project. With available federal dollars the needed unit could probably be built. The bill authorized the construction of a new armory at Dillon with the intent that all future operating and maintenance be funded by the Dillon Armory. He advised the Chemistry Building at the University of Montana at Missoula was the highest priority project. Renovation was needed on the interior. He advised there were safety issues involved with the need for renovation of the Liberal Arts Building at MSU Billings. He stated that the windows and foundation at Linfield Hall at MSU Bozeman needed repair, but that it was a good structure. He noted the upgrade of HVAC systems at Cowan Hall, at MSU-Northern and the Applied Technology Center had been reduced in scope. He explained Northern would have to raise a match of \$2 million which was authorized in HB 5. He contended the committee had wished to give more funding to the Agricultural Experiment Stations, but authorized \$1 million to be spread across the state for renovation and maintenance. He explained the need for the digital upgrade at the PBS station at MSU-Bozeman in order for them to keep their license. The committee felt it was a good investment for the university and the state. The bill asked that the university system and the state work together to share bandwidth and costs. He pointed out the error in Section 3 that was addressed in the fiscal note. (The text of the bill authorized \$81,310,000 for bonding for capital projects and the amount should have been \$23,133,000.) He explained Section 11 that addressed the legislative intent to increase maintenance funding. The Long Range Building Committee wanted to stay within \$20 million a year in general fund debt service.

Proponents' Testimony:

Jack Hyyppa, Montana University System, supported the legislation.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

SEN. CHRIS CHRISTIAENS referred to page three and asked about the proceeds from the sale of the National Guard headquarters that had been amended out of the bill. **Jane Hamman, Office of Budget & Program Planning**, said that was included as a part of the construction of the new Public Health and Human Services facility. After that facility was deleted from the bill the related language was also deleted. She said the building would likely be available and that General Services of the Department of Administration would be responsible. The space might need to be used for state agencies. The decision had not been made whether the facility would be sold or used. **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** asked if the building was currently owned by the National Guard and if it was not sold, what would be the process. **Jane Hammond** said it was a state facility and would be under the auspice of General Services in terms of management and would go to the State Land Board if it were to be sold. **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** wondered if there would be an opportunity for other agencies to occupy available space. He expressed a concern about the maintenance of state facilities and asked about Section 11 of the bill regarding legislative intent to increase maintenance funding. **REP. MCCANN** explained that in 1995, revenue from the Cigarette Tax and Coal Trust Fund was coming into the Long Range Building Program. He said there were prison facilities built and university projects addressed. There were bonds issued and the debt service on the bonds was being serviced out of the Long Range Building account revenue. The committee decided to service the bonds with general fund and take the revenues back and use them for maintenance. **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** felt they were adding money because proper deferred maintenance was not being done. He thought there should be a better job done and a plan for maintenance on state buildings. He indicated he had been promised since 1995 there would be a plan that Long Range Building would be addressing. He expressed disappointment that there was nothing specific about what would be done and when. **REP. MCCANN** recalled an audit report identifying maintenance as an issue. He said some facilities, like the Helena College of Technology had no problem with deferred maintenance, but he gave several examples of other facilities with severe problems. He acknowledged there was a range of issues, and the committee had to decide what projects had merit and how to make that fit within the debt service. **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** didn't feel like any progress has been made. He advised there were abandoned buildings at Warm Springs that needed to be torn down. Ag Experiment Stations had not seen paint in 15 years. With no plan, at some point in time, new buildings would be needed. He thought that was short-sighted on

the part of the legislature. He commented that the total amount for the reception center project for MSP of \$8.5 million. The committee cut it to \$5 million and in HB 5 there was \$1 million in spending authority. He asked if the facility could be built for \$6 million and asked if it would require some type of state match. **REP. MCCANN** answered there was some concern with the construction being done with \$6 million and that \$7 million was needed. DOC was being asked to pursue federal funds. **Joe Williams, Department of Corrections**, added his department has submitted applications for federal funds, but there was no firm evidence there were additional federal funds available.

SEN. JON TESTER asked if the project was moved up and the funds became available, if the project would be an \$8 million project or if that would mean they wouldn't bond. **Mr. Williams** said they were working with the federal government and it wouldn't become an \$8 million project.

SEN. JOHN COBB asked what the total cost would be. **Mr. Williams** said the total cost would be \$7.5 million. **SEN. COBB** asked if the project could be finished with the funding available. **Mr. Williams** answered no, not with the funding that was available now. He did not think the \$1 million in federal money would be forthcoming as it was contingent on enough space for violent offenders being available. **SEN. COBB** asked if they needed \$2.5 million. **Mr. Williams** indicated they were \$1 million short and with the additional \$1 million, the federal money would be available.

SEN. TOM BECK summarized the funding of the project.

SEN. COBB asked what **REP. MCCANN** would be comfortable with for the bonding level. *{Tape : 2; Side : B}*. **REP. MCCANN** thought every dollar borrowed should be justified.

SEN. TOM ZOOK asked for clarification on committee action on funding the prison project. **SEN. TESTER** said they assumed \$1 million in federal funds would be received for each of the next two years. The committee thought if the state gave additional dollars, the federal government might think they had enough money. They also thought DOC might not work as hard to get the federal money.

SEN. MIGNON WATERMAN asked about spending authority. **CHAIRMAN BOB KEENAN** explained there was \$5.5 million in spending authority from the previous biennium. **SEN. WATERMAN** asked if that carried over. **CHAIRMAN KEENAN** answered yes, it did. **Tom O'Connell**,

Architect & Engineering Division, explained the appropriations carried over because of the time frame involved in building.

SEN. ROYAL JOHNSON referred to page three, line 25 regarding authorization of bonds, and asked what the accurate figure was. **Ms. Hamman** believed it was \$23,163,000. **CHAIRMAN KEENAN** stated it was \$23,133,000. **SEN. WATERMAN** clarified it was on the second page of the fiscal note. **SEN. JOHNSON** asked if it included the numbers found within Section 2 of the bill. **Ms. Hamman** answered yes. **SEN. JOHNSON** felt the figures were incorrect. **Ms. Hammond** explained the calculation. **SEN. JOHNSON** contended the numbers in Section 2 totaled \$25,025,000. He asked about line 26 that was underlined. **Ms. Hamman** indicated \$23,133,000 was the amount authorized for up to twenty years and after that a ten year issuance would be done for \$1,892,000. She said the PBS project was classified in a different category than construction of buildings. **SEN. JOHNSON** said the amortization of ten year bonds would take place more rapidly and require more general fund. **Jane Hammond** indicated the interest rate used for the ten years was 4.35 percent. **SEN. JOHNSON** said that did not make any difference, but that with a ten year maturity, more principle would be paid off over the ten years. **Ms. Hamman** agreed. **SEN. JOHNSON** asked about the figures found in Section 12 and if they were within the current bonding requirements. **Ms. Hamman** answered yes. **SEN. JOHNSON** asked if they were included in the total amount of debt to be paid. **Mr. Hamman** answered that was correct. **SEN. JOHNSON** asked if all of the bonds were issued that were in Section 12. **Mr. O'Connell** did not believe they were issued. He said they just did an issue that covered a portion of the women's prison, the Bozeman Armory, and the library. He said the ones that were still outstanding were about \$900,000 for the Bozeman Armory plus the Kalispell Armory was not issued. Those were taken under consideration in the debt service projections. **SEN. JOHNSON** asked what the total outstanding debt needs were including the bonds issued under Section 12. **Mr. O'Connell** said he would look in his book. **SEN. JOHNSON** requested the figures for the debt and interest service. **Mr. O'Connell** agreed to provide the information to the committee.

SEN. COBB asked about page 3 lines 9 and 10, regarding the intercity transport services. **REP. MCCANN** couldn't specifically answer the question. **SEN. COBB** asked about the risks involved if the MSP project was not funded. **SEN. MCCANN** advised there were risks. He did not think it was coincidence that there were three people to a cell on each occasion when the committee visited the prison. The reception unit was in the old maximum security unit. He said it was built out of steel facings and the existing infrastructure had been and was being used. The risk was due to

crowding. Without the amount of inmates, the building would be good for ten years. He indicated there was an expiration date on the building. **SEN. COBB** asked if they were comfortable with the current \$23 or \$25 million. **REP. MCCANN** said \$23 million was the general fund debt service. He would be comfortable with \$21 million.

SEN. BEA MCCARTHY asked if all the bond money was for the first year of the biennium. **Mr. O'Connell** advised they recommend projects to the budget office and they determine when the debt service would come due for particular projects. They try to schedule the bond sales, and debt service as they schedule the projects.

SEN. ZOOK asked how moving fourth offense DUI offenders to the X Building would relieve the overcrowding at the Reception Unit at the state prison. **Mr. Williams** said it would to some degree, but many offenders in the system were not DUIs. He indicated that more probation and parole officers would have an affect. He indicated offenders spent 6 weeks in the Reception Unit for testing and classification.

CHAIRMAN KEENAN asked how many prisoners were in county jails currently. **Mr. Williams** answered there were approximately 42 under community corrections that were being screened for ISP or pre-release or waiting for a bed in pre-release. He indicated there were roughly 90 to 100 waiting to go to MSP or Montana's Women's Prison. He explained the cost related to the issue if the new reception unit was not built. **CHAIRMAN KEENAN** asked about the contract bed commitments and those not being used. He asked if there were other alternatives to triple bunking. **Mr. Williams** explained that the Crossroads Correction facility at Shelby and the regional prisons all supported the Central Reception Unit. The Central Reception Unit classifies inmates into 6 categories when they come in from a county jail. Those alternative facilities don't have the staffing to do classification work.

SEN. ARNIE MOHL asked at what point the county would receive relief when holding prisoners due to overcrowding in the reception unit. **Mr. Williams** answered as soon as there was a signed order by the judge. If there is no room in the reception unit, the cost then shifts to the DOC. **SEN. MOHL** asked about the actual cost to the county. **Joe Williams** said the average was approximately \$52 a day.

SEN. COBB asked if they sent prisoners to Warm Springs. **Mr. Williams** said only if they were classified as a forensic patient. **SEN. COBB** commented on the cost to the state.

SEN. WATERMAN asked if medical records were transmitted from the county level if it would speed up the intake process. **Mr. Williams** they were working towards that goal. They were working to share criminal records between the Department of Justice, Corrections and the Judiciary. He said many times counties did not do a full fledged medical evaluation.

SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked about the \$5.5 million that would not be reverted for corrections projects. He asked what projects were not completed and how long the money had been out there. He recalled money being used for a fence around the women's prison that came from money that had been sitting in limbo. **Mr. O'Connell** said the \$5.5 in federal spending authority went together with \$170,000 of long range building dollars and was authorized for a reception unit. Approximately \$170,000 was spent and that was as far as the project went because the federal dollars were not forthcoming. The money had been sitting there since last legislative session. The money would eventually revert without the federal money coming through and could not be spent on anything else. **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** asked if the \$5.5 million was federal. **Mr. O'Connell** said the \$5.5 million was federal authority and the problem was the money was not there.

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. MATT MCCANN, HD 92, HARLEM, pointed out there were two or three projects in HB 14 that were critical. He said the maintenance program was being reflected in the bill, citing the renovations like Linfield Hall. He explained the revenues in the long range building account were shrinking. That was the reason the committee moved dollars around.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 14

CHAIRMAN KEENAN advised there were eight or nine amendments and difficult decisions to be made. He reasoned any amendments would change the number for bonding authority on page 3 line 25. **{Tape : 2; Side : A}**

SEN. JOHNSON asked about the total amount of general fund debt required to service all the bonds for which the state was obligated. **Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director, OBPP**, explained the amount was about \$24 million plus the amount in HB 14.

SEN. COBB asked about the intercity transport services. **Dr. Dick Crofts, Commissioner of Higher Education**, advised that was for the laying of fiber optic cable that would carry the digital signal to the various communities from which it would then be transmitted. He explained they agreed to work with the

Information Services Division of the Department of Administration for a cost effective way to share capacity.

Motion: SEN. DEB SHEA moved HB 14 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion: SEN. WATERMAN moved HB001443.abm BE ADOPTED.
EXHIBIT(fcs83a01)

Discussion:

SEN. MIGNON WATERMAN explained the amendment would add the bonding for the Helena College of Technology in the second year of the biennium. The debt service would come in FY 2004 keeping within the \$20 million debt service limit. She advised there was money for planning and design of the classroom facility at UM-COT Helena which would bring the college to the point of being ready to move dirt and assure the project would be funded in the next biennium. She expressed the concern with growth in enrollments and said a year would be lost if the building program was not authorized until the next biennium.

CHAIRMAN KEENAN commented for the record that **SEN. DUANE GRIMES** supported the amendment.

SEN. TESTER stated support for the amendment.

SEN. COBB asked if the design part of the project was in HB 5.

SEN. WATERMAN said part of the funding for the design and planning was funded in HB 2 and there were a dozen projects contingent on the funding coming through HB 14. She explained she had tried to move that 1/3 would be funded in HB 5 and 2/3 of the money for planning and design would be contingent on the passage of HB 14. She tried to move it all into HB 5. She said when the planning and design were done they could start moving dirt, about a year ahead. She cited the layoffs at Asarco and that many of those people were applying. She said it would be funded next biennium, but her amendment would move it up a year.

SEN. COBB asked if it would be a top project in the next biennium. **SEN. WATERMAN** said it was the #1 project for the university system coming into the current biennium.

SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked about the list of rated programs. **SEN. WATERMAN** explained the COT project was #18 but the others were renovations and the COT was the top building project. **Mr. O'Connell** explained the project was the 18th rated priority on the regents list of 20 projects. **SEN. WATERMAN** asked if it was correct the COT was the number one new project. **Tom O'Connell** answered yes, it was the first rated new building construction.

SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked where the project fit in the top 18 on the list and where was the cut-off. **Tom O'Connell** said some of the higher rated projects were not funded. Some that were lower rated that were included in the recommendations but were authority only projects. He cited various examples.

SEN. COBB felt it was hard to vote on the issue until after the conference committee on HB 2 when funding was clear. **SEN. KEENAN** concurred with his frustrations. **SEN. COBB** said the bill would probably go to conference committee anyway.

SEN. WATERMAN stated the COT project would not cost in the current biennium.

Vote: Motion to amend failed 7-11 with **SEN. SHEA**, **SEN. TESTER**, **SEN. JERGESON**, **SEN. BECK**, **SEN. CHRISTIAENS**, **SEN. WATERMAN** and **SEN. MCCARTHY** voting aye.

Motion: **SEN. MCCARTHY** moved HB001441.abm BE ADOPTED.
EXHIBIT(fcs83a02).

Discussion:

SEN. BEA MCCARTHY explained the amendment would authorize \$500,000 for temporary labs for the University of Montana due to the renovation of the Chemistry Building. She felt it was a necessity. She asked **SEN. TESTER** about the discussion in Long Range Planning. **SEN. TESTER** said the \$500,000 was originally requested by the university system and both projects went through. The committee pulled the \$500,000 out because the temporary classrooms did not serve a long term function and it was hoped an alternative would be found.

Vote: Motion to amend failed 7-11 with **SEN. SHEA**, **SEN. TESTER**, **SEN. NELSON**, **SEN. JERGESON**, **SEN. CHRISTIAENS**, **SEN. WATERMAN** and **SEN. MCCARTHY** voting aye.

Discussion:

SEN. GREG JERGESON asked if the correct number would be put in Section 3. **CHAIRMAN KEENAN** said that would be a technical amendment and would send the bill back to the House and open the floodgates.

SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked if it was necessary. **SEN. WATERMAN** said it was \$81 million in bonding authority. **CHAIRMAN KEENAN** thought it would go into a free conference committee.

Motion: SEN. COBB moved a **CONCEPTUAL MOTION THAT ANY MONEY CPF MONEY GOES INTO THE RECEPTION UNIT AT DEER LODGE, AND THAT THE OTHER PROJECTS of SEN. TESTER, SEN. WATERMAN, SEN. MCCARTHY BE FUNDED.**

SEN. COBB said the idea was that any money that might be available in conference committee be used to fund the other projects.

SEN. JOHNSON wondered about the Colleges of Technology in Billings and Great Falls.

Substitute Motion: SEN. JOHNSON made a substitute motion **TO ADD \$50,000 EACH TO THE COLLEGES OF TECHNOLOGY IN BILLINGS AND GREAT FALLS.**

Vote: Substitute motion failed 8-10 with SEN. TESTER, SEN. JOHNSON, SEN. NELSON, SEN. JERGESON, SEN. CHRISTIAENS, SEN. COBB, SEN. WATERMAN and SEN. MCCARTHY voting aye.

Substitute Motion: SEN. BECK made a substitute motion **TAKING \$1 MILLION FROM THE AG EXPERIMENT STATION AND ADDING \$1 MILLION TO THE RECEPTION UNIT AT MSP.**

SEN. BECK thought without the \$1 million, the project would be crippled.

Discussion:

SEN. ZOOK thought the Ag Experiment Stations would be crippled. He supported the original action of the committee.

Mr. O'Connell explained the implications of taking the \$1 million from the Ag Experiment Stations. He indicated the money would be spent at locations throughout the state (page 6 Section 7).

SEN. WATERMAN wondered if the Ag Experiment Station projects were not originally on the priority list. Mr. O'Connell said that was correct and he did not believe they were requested in the Long Range Building Program and were not part of the prioritizing.

SEN. TESTER noted there was a bill that failed earlier in the session that would have funded the Ag Experiment Station projects. The committee decided \$1 million for the projects would be funded from CPF, and \$1 Million would be funded from the non-LRBP fund sources in HB 5.

{Tape 2; Side B}

SEN. BECK did not disagree that the Ag Experiment Stations were important, but felt strongly that the Reception Unit project was more important.

SEN. MCCARTHY said she had toured the area at the prison and knew what was needed. She didn't like to take the money from the Ag Experiment Stations but did not see another way in the current session to get the money for what she considered a necessary project for public safety.

SEN. COBB thought if \$1 million for the prison was funded, the Helena College of Technology should also be funded.

SEN. ZOOK asked for a representative of Montana State University to indicate if they would come up with the match money; otherwise he thought it would make no sense to put the \$1 million into the Ag Experiment Stations. **Bob Lashaway, Director of Facilities, Montana State University at Bozeman**, explained the Ag Experiment Stations felt they could come up with \$1 million to help extend the \$1 million from the state. If the state dollars were pulled out, he thought it would be difficult for the Ag Experiment Stations to get much for their \$1 million. He indicated they had a lot of needs. **SEN. ZOOK** asked if they had the money to expend. **Mr. Lashaway** advised the money would come from the sale of properties the Ag Experimental Stations own. **SEN. ZOOK** asked if a good deal of the funds would come from the sale. **Mr. Lashaway** answered, that was correct. **SEN. ZOOK** noted that agriculture was the #1 industry and had to make their own way.

SEN. TESTER clarified the property to be sold was a farm. They felt there would be \$1 million available from the sale of the farm. **SEN. ZOOK** commented unfavorably about the Ag Experiment Stations needing to reduce their assets in order to get something done.

SEN. MOHL asked if the motion by **SEN. BECK** to take the \$1 million away would effect the \$160,000 in Section 7 for the Ag Experiment Station at Kalispell. **CHAIRMAN KEENAN** noted the \$160,000 was a match if they came up with \$160,000. He wondered if the match was specific to the individual institutions. **Mr. O'CONNELL** said this it was not dependent upon the match; it was just to get as much maintenance done as possible. **SEN. MOHL** asked again if the motion would take the \$160,000 away. **CHAIRMAN KEENAN** clarified the numbers in Section 7 included the \$1 million bonding and the match.

SEN. WATERMAN asked if it was true the Ag Experiment Station projects were not prioritized high on the university system's

list. **Mr. Lashaway** answered that was correct; they were not on the regents list. He said there was a new Ag dean, who came in late in the process and assessments were then made of the Ag Stations, but they missed the prioritization process.

SEN. MCCARTHY asked if the regents had taken any action on the projects after they missed the prioritization projects. **Mr. O'Connell** answered no.

SEN. ZOOK asked to be informed when those projects made the regent's or commissioner's priority lists.

WITHDRAWN MOTION: **SEN. BECK** withdrew his substitute motion.

Substitute Motion: **SEN. BECK** made a substitute motion **ADDING \$1 MILLION TO THE MSP RECEPTION UNIT.**

SEN. JOHNSON wondered if the technical amendment HB001401.ajm (Page 3, line 25, striking \$81,310,000 and inserting \$23,133,000) would make the bill correct, rather than sending it back to the House. **CHAIRMAN KEENAN** suspected the Governor could make the technical amendment. He asked if a technical amendment would need to go back to the House. **SEN. BECK** thought any amendment on the bill would need to go back to the House. **SEN. JOHNSON** said often technical changes were made to a bill to correct things that were missed.

SEN. WATERMAN asked what would happen if the \$81 million was left in the bill and whether there would be authority to spend \$81 million since \$23 million did not exceed \$81 million. **Mr. O'Connell** said he guessed there would be, but they did not have projects authorized that would exceed that. **SEN. WATERMAN** asked what \$81 million meant if they were not authorized to spend it. She contended they could give spending authority. She stated the bill said bonds could not be sold in excess of the \$81 million and bonds could only be sold for projects that were authorized.

Vote: Substitute motion failed 8-9 with **SEN. KEENAN, SEN. TASH, SEN. SHEA, SEN. TESTER, SEN. BECK, SEN. CHRISTIAENS, SEN. WATERMAN** and **SEN. MCCARTHY** voting aye.

Discussion:

SEN. JOHNSON asked if the motion for HB002502.ajm was needed.

SEN. BECK thought the motion was not needed if they did not want the bill to go back to the House. He did not know of any way to put an amendment, even a technical amendment, on the bill and not

have it go back to the House. He didn't think anything had to be done to the bill.

SEN. COBB cited the language on page 3 lines 29 and 30 of the bill "the authority granted to the board by this section is in addition to any other authorization to the board to issue and sell general obligation long-range building program bonds." He wondered if the legislature left the \$81 million, if something could be built that was not authorized. **Mr. Jon Moe, Legislative Fiscal Division**, clarified the only reason to change the figure would be to make the cap on the bonding representative of the projects that were approved. If it was left higher, the projects still weren't approved, so he thought it would not authorize more bonding beyond the projects that were approved.

SEN. WATERMAN contended the language authorized the board to issue and sell bonds for the capital projects described in Section 2.

SEN. ZOOK thought the committee should not be afraid to amend the bill. He felt the Reception Unit at MSP was needed and he hoped that before action was taken on the floor, that money could be found.

CHAIRMAN KEENAN advised **SEN. COBB's** motion was still on the floor.

WITHDRAWN MOTION: SEN. COBB withdrew his conceptual motion.

He advised that HB 14 always got killed five or six times in the House.

SEN. JERGESON favored not amending the bill so that by the time it got to the floor, **Greg Petesch** could be consulted with as to whether the number had to be changed.

SEN. BECK thought there was no rush to get the bill out of committee. He favored holding the bill another day and asking those questions.

WITHDRAWN MOTION: SEN. SHEA withdrew her motion to Concur on HB 14.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 2:56 P.M.

SEN. BOB KEENAN, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

BK/PG

EXHIBIT (fcs83aad)